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November 27, 2018

David J. Bradley, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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VS.

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CRIMINAL NO. 2:18-CR-1188

AMY DUBERNEY

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OPINION AND ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE

On November 26, 2018, Defendant moved for a continuance of the final pretrial conference and jury selection and trial because the Defendant and counsel had not yet had adequate time to finish reviewing discovery and investigate the case (D.E. 26). The United States was unopposed and Material Witness counsel were opposed to the motion.

Under the Speedy Trial Act, a district court may grant a continuance and exclude the resulting delay from the time in which a trial must commence if it makes on-the-record findings that the ends of justice served by granting the continuance outweigh the public's and defendant's interests in a speedy trial. 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7).

Having considered the Defendant's motion, the Court finds that the failure to grant this first request for a continuance in this case would deny counsel for the defendant the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence.

Accordingly, the Court finds that the ends of justice are served by granting a continuance in this case and outweigh the best interests of the public and Defendant in a speedy trial, and the period of the continuance is excluded from speedy trial computation.

The Court **GRANTS** the Defendant's motion (D.E. 26) and **CONTINUES** the final pretrial conference until **December 26, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.** before undersigned and schedules the jury selection and trial for **January 7, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.** before Hon. Nelva Gonzales Ramos.

At the request of material witness counsel, depositions may be ordered.

ORDERED this 27th day of November, 2018.



B. JANICE ELLINGTON
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE